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The following chart shows the difference in market prices paid by a restaurant owner and a housewife in Tientsin during the week of 23-30 October. Prices are in CNC\$.

Item	Per	Restaurant Owner	Housewife
Coal (lump)	ton	220,000	
Coal (slack)	"	180,000	118,000
Eggs	ea.	165	160
Potatoes	lb.	185	200
Rice	lb.	900	1,200
Oil	lb.	1,600	
Beef	lb.	---	1,600
Pork	lb.	2,200	2,000
Fish (low quality)	lb.	1,000	2,000 to 4,000
Butter	lb.	---	---
Sugar (granulated)	lb.	2,600	---
Orange	qt.	4,000	---
Coffee	lb.	5,000	4,800 to 9,000
Tee (cheap)	lb.	4,500	---
USA Cigarettes (pkg of 20)		---	1,000
Flour (best Canadian)	47 lb.	46,000	40,000
Flour (White Chinese)	47 lb.	44,000	32,000

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